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Not only are home guards at lakes yet to receive wages for November, some even have to pay a bribe for duty allocation

PAY ATTENTION

There are around 5,340 home guards in Bengaluru

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"I have to pay Rs 2,500 per month to my officer as bribe for posting me at the police station...

– home guard

Perhaps home guards are the most exploited lot in the city. They neither have a saviour nor a leader to raise voice in support of their needs. Hundreds of home guards posted at lakes maintained by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) are yet to receive wages for the month of November.

"There is no guarantee of getting wages on a particular date. It has been happening for quite some time. I cannot demand the wages. There is no guarantee of me continuing to guard the lake, if I demand wages," a home guard told BM on the condition of anonymity.

There are around 5,340 home guards in Bengaluru including 1,840 home guards in Bengaluru south, 1,850 home guards in Bengaluru north, and 1,650

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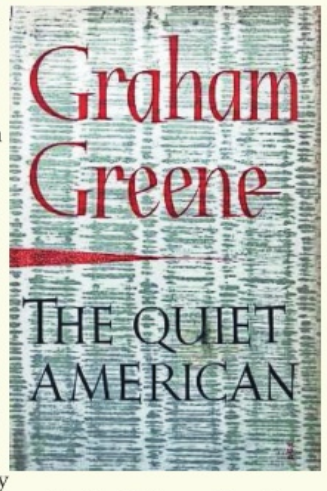
3 THINGS TO DO

01 Talking books



What better way to spend a weekend than by indulging in a good book discussion? Catch a review of The Quiet American, a 1955 novel by English author Graham Greene. Narrated in the first person by journalist Thomas Fowler, the novel depicts the breakdown of French colonialism in Vietnam and early American involvement in the Vietnam War. A subplot concerns a love triangle between Fowler, an American CIA agent named Alden Pyle, and Phuong, a young Vietnamese woman. .
Where: Urban Solace, Annaswamy Mudaliar Road
When: January 8, 11:30 am – 1 pm
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02 Tunes to remember

Participate in an evening of music at Lahe Lahe. Come along and be part of this session of two amazing singers/ bands from Bangalore and get mesmerised with their music. This will be followed by an open mic where 10 people from the audience get to perform for 3 minutes each.
Where: Lahe Lahe, Indiranagar
When: January 8, 6-8 pm

03 Handlooms and more

New Crafts is organising silk India exhibition, a unique display which brings together rural weavers from different parts of India featuring vast collection of handlooms, dress material and sarees. You can find jewellery: silver, kundan and meenakari, textiles, handmade paper, precious and semi-precious stones: gemstone, paintings, leather craft, handcrafted items and much more.
Where: Sindhoor Convention Centre, JP Nagar;
When: Ongoing

Bengaluru's top dog, bought for ₹20 crore

Cadabom's Kennel's Satish buys rare dog breed Caucasian Shepherd

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Cadabom Hayder is a Caucasian Shepherd aged 1.5 years

Did you know that Bengaluru is home to one of the most expensive dogs in the world?

Cadabom's Kennels' owner and president of Indian Dog Breeders Association Satish, who is known to buy expensive and rare dog breeds has bought the Caucasian Shepherd priced at Rs 20 crore. The Caucasian Shepherd breed is known to be a guardian dog and are mostly found in places like Russia, Turkey, Armenia, Circassia, and Georgia. It is extremely rare to find this breed of dog in India.

These dogs are said to be bold, confident, fearless and extremely intelligent. They are huge and furry to look at with their life span ranging between 10-12 years.

According to the American Kennel Club, Caucasian Shepherds were used for centuries to protect properties from trespassers, guard livestock against large and small predators such as wolves and coyotes, and for many other duties.

Earlier, Satish had purchased some of the rare breed dogs like Korean Dosa Mastiffs at a cost of Rs 1 crore, Alaskan Malamute at Rs 8 crore, Tibetan Mastiff at Rs 10 crore. Satish has named the Rs 20-crore dog "Cadabom Hayder", who is about 1.5 years old and was bought from a Hyderabad-based breeder.

"One of the breeders in Hyderabad contacted me stating that he had got the Caucasian Shepherd, and I decided to buy the dog. It has been six months since I bought it but not many know about him. "

Recently Cadabom Hayder participated in a Trivandrum Kennel Club event and Crown Classic Dog Show where he won over 32 medals for the best dog breed.

"I was surprised to see that Hayder won many trophies and medals. In a span of seven days, Hayder won 32 medals. Hayder is very big in size and is extremely friendly. Currently, he is staying at my residence which is air-conditioned.

I wanted to introduce Hayder to Bengalureans in November; however, during that time his hair started to shed and hence I wanted to take precautions. Now, I'm planning to have a mega event in February where I will introduce Hayder to all," Satish said.

Currently, Satish has two pups of the same breed brought for Rs 5 crore. "I have planned to keep the dogs and puppies to myself. They need extra care and nutrition and I have people to look after them. "Hayder will need frequent brushing because it can result in shedding. Routine cleaning of the ears and clipping of nails is mandatory," he said.

The sweet, sweet taste of victory

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Several students from Bengaluru have made the city proud by winning laurels at the national level Kho-Kho Championship. While the girls' team won the championship twice – 2018 and 2022 – the boys' team proved their talent by winning the first place at national level.

Chitrakoota School's Kho-Kho team won the National Championship at the CBSE School National Kho-Kho Championship 2022-23, in both boys' and girls' categories.

The school has represented Karnataka in the past and has been victorious at the national level; but this time, it was even more special. "Both boys' team and girls' team have won first place in the Under-19 category. I appreciate the dedication and hard work of our students. They used to attend fitness training online during Covid pandemic. Their parents were very supportive," said Ranganatha VN, the coach of the Kho-Kho team.

Out of 24,000 CBSE schools in the country, the students of Chitrakoota emerged as champions in the finals of the CBSE National Tournament held at Dr Dev Raj DAV Public School in Lehragaga District of Punjab.

The children, ranging from 11 to 16 years, had to compete with members aged 19 in teams from other states.

They were trained for months.

Their days started as early as 4.30 am. In the extreme cold of Punjab, they outshone 22 boys' teams and 18 girls' teams to win the Kho-Kho Championship. The captains of the winning teams, Veditha K and Ruthvik R Gowda, steered the teams towards victory. The team members were felicitated by the school management.

Veditha K, the captain of the girls' team, said that she used to wake up at 4.30 am. "My father used to drop me at the school for practice sessions every day. We won the finals against the Kerala team this year. We won the championship in 2018 against the girls' team from Tamil Nadu," said Veditha.

Ruthvik R Gowda, the captain of the boys' kho-kho team, said that he was very happy to have won the championship this year. "Our team were runners-up in 2018 and 2019 but we succeeded to win the championship against a team from Punjab," he said

The girls' & boys' teams with coach Ranganatha

The participants would train for days, starting as early as 4:30 am in difficult weather

Pick your biryani

Food expert breaks down popular biryani types across Karnataka

If you love biryani, there are a number of specialty hotels ready to dish out your favourite kinds. According to Zomato's 2022 trend report, biryani was among the most ordered foods in the country. Swiggy's report echoes similar sentiments towards the much-loved dish.

Food experts say that there are several styles of biryanis that can be found across establishments and households in Karnataka.

Tracing the history of the state's biryani culture, Waseem Memon (Founder, Foodies of Bengaluru) said, "The absence of a dominant local biryani in Bengaluru has given rise to different varieties we can savour. There are a number of local Dakhni style biryanis that can be found in scores of non-descriptive biryani centres that serve this delicacy commercially. It is cooked predominantly in Muslim households. Made of jeera rice, this preparation is tricky."

There are also a number of Ambur biryani restaurants. These outlets serve chicken biryani with khushka and kebabs, he further explained.

The other popular biryani is Donne. This style of preparation has taken Bengaluru by storm over the last 10-odd years, he said, adding that this was earlier limited to select military restaurants.

In Hubballi and Dharwad, the preparation is done using sona masuri. Unlike the Belgavi method, red chilli powder is used and the usage of whole spices is restricted

There is also a demand for Andhra, Awadhi, and Kolkata style biryanis.

"The Hyderabadi dum biryani is known to have a lot of takers. It is the most popular style of biryani in our country. Among other biryanis found in Bengaluru is the Cutchi Memon style - a late entrant in the biryani scene. This biryani is mild on spices and contains potato with your choice of meat," said Memon. There are also a number of southern biryanis becoming popular, including the Dindigul, Thalassery (a bit sweetish), and Malabar ones.

The coastal districts of Karnataka have their own styles of biryani too. Memon said that the Bhatkali biryani is an integral part of the Navayath cuisine and a speciality of the coastal town Bhatkal. The meat is cooked in an onion and green chilli-based masala and layered with fragrant rice. It has a unique spicy flavour that sets it apart from the other Karnataka biryanis.

"If we go towards north Karnataka, the style of Biryani preparation in Raichur and Gulbarga is not very different as they were part of the Nizam state and very similar to Hyderabadi biryani. The usage of spices varies. The Raichur version uses more red chilli powder and the gravy which is served as the accompaniment is spicy. No one is sure about the unique Belagavi biryani's origins," he said. It is made by using hara masala, and the style of preparation is the Kacchi Yakhni style. A special type of basmati rice called Belgaum basmati is used, he explained.

In Hubballi and Dharwad, the preparation is done using sona masuri. Unlike the Belagavi method, red chilli powder is used and the usage of whole spices is restricted. Biryani in Ballari was adapted from surrounding areas, mostly Andhra Pradesh.

A few local eateries in and around Koul bazaar serve biryani, he added.

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Here's to easy commute from city metro stations

Cubbon Park, MG Road metro stations get two pre-fixed auto rickshaw counters to ensure first and last mile connectivity of passengers

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Now the metro passengers at Cubbon Park and MG Road metro stations need not haggle with the auto drivers. Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) has opened up two pre-fixed auto rickshaw counters at MG Road and Cubbon Park metro stations in coordination with Bangalore Traffic Police (BTP).

The auto-rickshaw counters were inaugurated on Wednesday in the presence of BMRCL Managing Director Anjum Parwez and the Special Commissioner of Police (traffic), MA Saleem.

BMRCL Chief Public Relations Officer BL Yashwanth Chavan told Bangalore Mirror that the initiative has been started to ensure first and last mile connectivity for the metro passengers, and people living around these areas.

"It will also ensure safety as there will be a record of all the auto rides. Fares will be pre-fixed based on the passenger's destination and as fixed by the government," he said.

These counters are operational from 7 am to 12:30 am. The required manpower to maintain these pre-fixed counters will be provided on a sharing basis by both BMRCL and BTP, said BMRCL in a statement.

Currently, the government fixed fares for the auto-rickshaw is Rs 30 for the first two kilometres and Rs 15 for every kilometre thereafter. The fares from 10 pm onwards are one and half times the normal fares.

BMRCL starts pre-fixed auto counters in coordination with Bengaluru Traffic Police

At the counter, the commuter needs to inform them about their destination and collect the travel slip, containing the driver's name, mobile number, auto rickshaw registration number, destination address, mobile number of the commuter and the amount to be paid at the end of the journey. In addition, the commuter also has to pay Rs 2 as service charges at the counter.

Moreover, BMRCL is planning to open such counters at the entry and exit gates of 3 other metro stations- Banashankari, Baiyappanahalli and Nagasandra.

First and last-mile connectivity is a major issue for the commuters in the city, especially for people taking the metro due to its limited network in the city.

"It will be of great use for working professionals like me who take the metro everyday and have to haggle with the auto drivers. Even though Ola and Rapido fares have been fixed now, they do not accept rides for shorter distances like 2-3 km as the fare is too low," said Sakshi Rana, a metro commuter.

"The local auto drivers demand high fares citing school rush hour and other reasons. These counters will save us from the everyday struggle," she added.

Along with the auto-rickshaw counter, a sugarcane juice joint was opened at MG Road metro station and four more such joints are being planned to open at Nadaprabhu Kempegowda-Majestic, Nagasandra, Sir M. Visvesvaraya and Chickpete metro stations as part of retail stores.

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I, Mamta w/o B.S Pradeep R/o #577, 11th main, Jayanagar, 5th block, Bengaluru 560041, have changed my name to MAMTA LAMA affidavit Dt.03/01/2023 notary Ganesh Gowda M.V, B'luru

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I, Pooja Dipesh Gulechha residing at 45/5, Flat-502, Vaishnavi Springs, Rangarao Road, Shankarapuram, Bangalore-560004 have changed my name to Pooja Gulechha vide affidavit dated 4.1.2022 sworn before notary N Mahesha Bangalore

I, Shreyas Khasim Shankar S/o Shankar Kasam Sathya narayana Setty R/a No 3, Ranoji Rao Road, Basavanagudi, Blore-04. I have changed my name to Shreyas Kasam Shankar vide affidavit Dated 29-12-22. sworn before notary V. Rangaramu B'lore.

I, Jain Sumitkumar Ramesh R/a #7, 2nd Flr, Sri Jnaneswari APTS, 1st Main Road, Chamarajpet, B'lore 18. I have changed my name to Sumith Kumar Ramesh Jain. vide affidavit dated 04-01-23 sworn before notary B. Seshagiri B'lore.

I, Shubha Rao D/o C.S. Sathyanarayana Rao R/a no 37, Guruprasad, I cross, Mallesh waram, B'lore-03. I have changed my name to Shubha Badami. vide affidavit dated 29-12-22 sworn before notary V. Rangaramu B'lore.

I, Afroz Hussain, R/o Villa no.1, Deccan Palms, Electronic City Phase 2, Hosur Road, Ananth Nagar, Bengaluru 560100 have changed my name to G.Afroza affidavit Dt.03/01/2023, notary Ganesh Gowda M.V, B'luru

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I, Ateet S/O Sujata (Old Name) (Sujata S Revankar) (New Name) born on 01-01-2005 residing at H.No 305, Thirumala Apartment, Himagiri main road, Gottigere Bangalore- 560076), have changed my name to Ateet S Revankar vide affidavit dated 02-01-2023 at Bangalore

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B'lureans pay up ₹49L daily in traffic fines

City reports 1,195 traffic violation cases every hour

Walk the line: Number of traffic violations have gone up in city

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Guess how much Bengalureans cough up towards traffic fines on a daily basis? On an average, Bengalureans pay Rs 49.1 lakh a day in all for violating traffic rules. The traffic violation cases are also increasing as Bengaluru reports an average of 1,195 traffic violation cases every hour.

And traffic fines have only been inching up over the years. In 2018, Bengalureans paid Rs 22.26 lakh as fines per day and it went up to 24.43 lakh in 2019; 2020-Rs 27.28 lakh and 2021-Rs 38.44 lakh per day. Overall, police have collected Rs 1,79,24,88,190 as traffic fines from 1,04,65,124 violation cases. Out of this, 96,20,595 cases were booked via contactless mode.

Bengaluru city police said that there is an increase of traffic violation cases registered in 2022 by 25% as compared to 2018. "The ratio of contact and contactless cases in 2018 was 62% and 38% respectively. However, in 2022, the ratio is 8% and 92%. This means that only 8% of the cases are booked by police officers on the road, while 92% are recorded by cameras installed at the junctions and mid blocks. This is also a warning to vehicle users that they should not violate rules assuming that cops are not on the road," said a police officer adding that statistics indicated that traffic rule enforcement was moving towards contactless which also led to transparency in enforcement.

> **"The total number of accidents have reduced by 17% when compared to 2018. In 2022, 748 fatal accidents and 777 fatalities were reported in the city**
>
> –A traffic police officer

3.53% accidents for every 10,000 vehicles

An average of 3.53% of accidents take place for 10,000 vehicles in the city. Bengaluru traffic police say that an average of six accidents were reported for every 10,000 vehicles prior to 2022. However, in 2022 this has been reduced to 3.53%.

Police claim that despite the increased number of vehicles on the road, the number of accidents have considerably come down. "The total number of accidents have reduced by 17% when compared to 2018. In 2022, 748 fatal accidents wer ereported and the number of persons who died due to these is 777. In 2020 and 2021, due to Covid pandemic, as the lockdown was implemented, movement of vehicles was restricted and this was why the number of accidents reported were 3,236 and 3,213. As all restrictions were lifted, the number of accidents in Bengaluru rose to 3,827 in 2022," said the officer..

Deportation of overstaying foreigners

Police said they had identified 600 foreigners who were staying illegally in the city and of them only 34 could be deported. Around 50 foreigners have been placed in detention centres and efforts were on to deport them. In 2022, police booked cases against 579 drug peddlers and 3,448 people for doing drugs. Around 3,746 kg of marijuana has been seized.

500 protests

In 2022, as covid restrictions were completely lifted, Bengaluru witnessed a surge in protests. City police say that a record number of 500 protests were reported in all last year.

Woman's decomposed body found in rly station

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Sanitation worker at Yeshwantpur station found body in a box

In a shocking incident, the body of a young woman was found inside a drum in a decomposed state on a platform at the Yeshwantpur railway station on Wednesday.

"A decomposing body was found in a box kept at Platform No. 1 at the Yeshwantpur railway station by the sanitation staff. A team of police and forensic experts reached the railway station and examined the body," said the police.

According to the police, the body of the 23-year-old woman had been wrapped in a plastic cover. The cleaning staff of the railway station checked the box as a rotten smell was coming out of it.

Jayamma, a sanitation worker, found the dead body and informed the police. According to the preliminary investigation, a white cloth was tied around the neck and some chemical had been poured into the drum to decompose the body.

A case has been registered in Yeshwanthpur Railway Police Station. Identification of the young woman is underway.

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New ray of hope for forgotten NPK Layout

Individuals who bought sites in Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout unable to construct their dream homes due to inadequate infrastructure

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If the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) Commissioner's visit to Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout (NPKL) is any indication, it seems the BDA has decided to bring cheers to hapless people who bought sites there.

BDA Commissioner Kumar Naik G visited NPKL to inspect the ongoing developmental work. It may be recalled that the majority of the people who bought sites there were unable to construct their dream homes due to lack of basic infrastructure at the layout. After running around for over five years, the site allottees approached Karnataka Assembly Committee on Petitions, seeking justice. The committee has not only visited NPKL but has also directed the BDA to expedite the completion of the ongoing developmental work at the layout.

"We are grateful to Assembly Committee on Petitions head Suresh Kumar for attentively monitoring and instructing the BDA. We are also grateful to the BDA Commissioner for approving all pending approvals in the past two months - the main reason for no progress in the last two years," said Surya Kiran, spokesperson, NPKL Open Forum.

He said that Naik conducted weekly review meetings with all teams, which really helped with the work progressing.

BDA Commissioner Kaumar Naik G recently visited the layout to inspect the ongoing developmental work (File photo)

"All engineering team issues and approvals have been sorted out and it is anticipated that work will be completed soon. We want the BDA Commissioner to resolve issues pertaining to the acquisition of 1,400 acres of land so that the layout is uniform. The land acquisition team needs more members," he said.

> **"All engineering team issues have been sorted out and work should be completed soon; the land acquisition team needs more members**
> – Surya Khan, NPKL Open Forum

In 2014, the BDA had taken up the land available between Bangalore-Mysore Road and Bangalore-Magadi Road comprising of 12 villages: Seegehalli, Kodigehalli, Kannelli, Manganhalli, Kenchanpura, Sulikere, Ramasandra, Kommaghatta, Komaghatta Krishnasagara, Bheemankuppe, Challaghatta, Bheemanakuppe, and Ramasagara. The total extent of proposed development is 4,043 acres. In the first phase, the BDA took up the development of sites for NPKL on 2,252 acres and 26,500 sites were developed. The highlight of the project is the major arterial road which runs along the centre of the layout, connecting Bangalore-Mysore Road to Bangalore-Magadi Road. The length of the road is 10.57 km, and width, 100 m.

There are service roads and boulevards on either side for connecting the layouts with four rotaries to crossover from one side to the other. This road will provide access to all nine blocks of the layout.

The BDA has proposed to lay a dedicated RCC utility duct to prevent the road from cutting and ease maintenance. Fresh water, recycled water, and electrical cables are laid in the utility ducts. In future, the same ducts may be used to lay telephone cables, OFC network, GAIL gas network, and TV cable network.

Another fresh deadline in Ejipura

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After years of delay, BBMP has set a new deadline for completion of the Ejipura flyover. According to the agency, the 2.5-km-long flyover is expected to be open to the public by 2024.

After the contract given to Simplex Infrastructure Ltd was scrapped in April 2022, nearly 10 months later, the project will now be re-initiated. In a meeting with around 50 Resident Wing Associations (RWAs) in the area, BBMP officials announced that tenders would be finalised soon.

BBMP Chief Engineer (Projects Central), Vinayak Sugur, told Bangalore Mirror, "By February 20th, the work order will be issued, and by March, work will resume. We have estimated that it will take 15 months for completion."

Previously, BBMP had floated a tender for the remaining work and two people had participated. However, they were rejected. According to sources, the civic body is looking for bidders who have financial backing to complete the project in a bid to avoid the Simplex debacle.

Simultaneously, BBMP is also pursuing the link road between Ejipura signal to Agara signal. The length of the road connecting the south and east of Bengaluru is estimated to be 3-km-long. "The file for the link road was recently sent to the south project, and a complete decision regarding this will be taken up within a week," said a senior BBMP official. He clarified that land acquisition would not stall the competition of the project which will be completed along with the flyover. The Palike Chief has appointed a special land acquisition officer to resolve all such issues.

The four-laned flyover connecting Ejipura main road to Kendriya Sadan was expected to be completed by 2019. Work had started in 2017. Motorists were expected to save at least 30 minutes of commute time during rush hours. Out of the Rs 204 crore allocated, BBMP has spent Rs 75.11 crore. According to sources, BBMP has allocated Rs 145 crore for the completion of flyover work and Rs 35 crore for land acquisition.

Work on Ejipura flyover had started back in 2017 (File photo)

Rajendra Babu Reddy, President of ST Bed Layout RWA, said, "BBMP will monitor the quality of completed work as it was delayed. Some parts might have rusted and will need re-strengthening. For the link road, a new executive engineer has been assigned. We are asking BBMP to pursue the project in parts where land acquisition issues have been resolved. If both projects are completed, it will greatly help traffic from Indiranagar and Inner Ring Road going towards Madiwala. Motorists are going through residential areas and senior citizens and children are unable to walk."

A resident of Koramangala, Raghu Rajagopal, told BM that that the link road would be a key arterial road connecting east Bengaluru to south, which is why the project needs to be expedited.

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Pavement peril

Sanjay Nagar

This is the state of the footpath outside the park in RMV 2nd stage, Sanjay Nagar. The area smells and is infested with mosquitoes.

Maintenance required

Cunningham Road

This footpath in Cunningham Road is in bad shape.

Pit-falls

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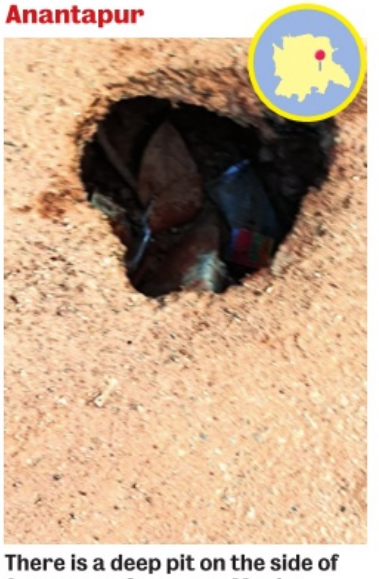

There is a deep pit on the side of Anantapur Gate near Manito Northlite, Yelahanka.

Tree census: An app to check tree's health

QR code on trees will contain details about trees that can be seen on app

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With the BBMP Forest Department's tree census going on in full flow, authorities say that currently, the app is in the trial phase and is being tested in a few areas.

As part of the project, a QR code is affixed to each tree. The QR code would be connected to an app that would provide key information like the name, and health status of the tree among other details.

Sareena Sikkaligar, BBMP Deputy Conservator of Forest told Bangalore Mirror, "The pilot project is going on and we are doing app testing now. We have done a census in Malleswaram's ward 61 where we've recorded nearly 5,000 treas. Now we are working in Mahadevapura, AECS Layout with the help of an NGO. However, we have not come to any conclusion yet since it is just a pilot project."

"There are still some minor issues in the app, for example, if there is an issue with the network connectivity in certain areas, the app might not work. So, in some areas like near Vidhana Soudha and some restricted areas, the app will have difficulty functioning, similarly in the outskirts as well. So, we are working to fix that and after that, if it is successful, we will call a tender for tree census and get it done," an official added.

> **"There are some minor issues with the app; we are working on it**
>
> – an official

Currently, an NGO, The People's Corp, is working with the students of Jyoti Nivas College to carry out BBMP's pilot project in the AECS Layout area.

Indira Belde, Founder of The People's Corp, added that she was a resident of the AECS Layout so she decided to take up the project for this ward. "I spoke to the Botany Department of several colleges including Presidency College, REVA University, Azim Premji University, and a few government colleges are also in line. But I decided to start with the students of Jyoti Nivas college and have entered into an MoU as well with the institute."

Belde added: In 1979, the green cover was around 78 per cent which has now depleted to just 3 per cent. The population of AECS Layout is 32,000 with 2.4 square km and the number of trees might be around 3,000. The ratio is expected to be 1:10 but we will find out only when the census has been completed. We have already mapped around 700 trees.

Dr Priyadarshini Pillai, HOD, Department of Botany, Jyoti Nivas College added that 35 female students from the college are currently working on the field for the tree census project.

"We have collaborated with BBMP and The People's Corp for this purpose We had first given the training to our students on December 19 at the college campus. Upon the completion of the training, now they are working in the field and sticking the QR codes on the trees. They are also updating the information like the common name, botanical name, and vernacular names of the plant's species, they also need to student the entire morphology of the plants," she explained.

The students will be getting internship certificates from the forest department of BBMP and The People's Corp NGO on the completion of the project, Dr Pillai added.

More power struggles: Hike on the cards?

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The Bangalore Electricity Supply Company (BESCOM) has again asked the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC) to hike power tariffs.

In its latest petition, BESCOM argued that despite having revenue receipts of Rs 21,605.9 crore, it still had a revenue deficit of Rs 463.93 crore in the financial year 2021-22.

For the next financial year (2023-24), BESCOM has forecast a revenue receipt of Rs 26,180.62 crore and the deficit could be Rs 4,433.47 crore. Hence, it has proposed to revise the tariff to recover the deficit.

For domestic consumers (lighting, combined lighting, all electricity-enabled homes, government hospitals and hostels etc), BESCOM is currently charging Rs 100 for the first kilowatt (KW). For every additional KW (up to 50 KW), it is charging Rs 110 and Rs 175 for every additional KW

(above 50 KW). In terms of unit charges, BESCOM is currently charging Rs 4.15 for the first 50 units and then Rs 5.60 between 51 to 100; Rs 7.15 for 101-200 units and Rs 8.20 for above 200 units.

Now, BESCOM has asked the KERC to allow it to charge Rs 150 for the first KW; Rs 300 for every additional KW (up to 50 KW) and Rs 460 for every additional KW beyond 50 KW. For the unit charges, BESCOM has proposed to charge Rs 3.60 for the first 50 units, Rs 5.40 for the first 100 units and Rs 7 for above 100 units.

The power utility firm wants to hike the power tariff for private educational institutions, hospitals as it wants to charge Rs 230 (subject to a minimum of Rs 260 per installation per month up to and inclusive of 50 KW) and Rs 310 for every additional KW. Currently, Rs 120 per KW is being charged up to 50 KW.

Now, the ball is in KERC's court.

Recently, KERC had revised the fuel adjustment charges (FAC) for the next quarter. In the last quarter that ended in December, BESCOM consumers had to pay 43 paise as FAC. However, from the next quarter (January to March, 2023), the consumers will pay 37 paise per unit. This will see a minor reduction in the power bills for the next three months.

Meanwhile, customers say that merely hiking tariffs is not enough as BESCOM should provide better service. "Many areas are disrupted by frequent power cuts. As we will shortly be stepping into summer, the demand will increase. During the rainy season, we have seen how the power goes off the moment it starts raining," said Nandeesh R, a resident of Malleswaram.

Kidney selling: Human rights panel orders probe against cops

A probe by the Karnataka Human Rights Commission into the suspicious death of a 29-year-old mentally challenged man, whose kidneys were sold, has revealed that the victim died on the operating table and his body was cremated under a different name.

The probe says police, who stumbled upon the scandal, tried to hush up the case. Based on a complaint from the uncle of the man, the Karnataka Human Rights Commission had probed the case. The commission has concluded that the accused persons were made witnesses and the police recorded it as a missing case and did not bother to initiate basic investigation into the crime.

The Commission has ordered a departmental inquiry against five senior police officers in connection with the case on December 5, 2022.

Shivananda B Bavoora from Yadgir had filed a complaint alleging that his nephew who was admitted to a hospital as an in-patient for mental treatment was shifted to an orphanage in Bengaluru on September 18, 2018 without permission of the family. On December 28, 2018, the family was informed that the victim had escaped from the premises of a hospital in Bengaluru.

Bavoora had lodged a complaint with Siddapura police station on June 7, 2019. He explained that the police officers hushed up the case without filing the FIR. He had also mentioned about the selling of the kidneys to a hospital in Bengaluru for Rs 10 lakh.

The Commission had sent the complaint to the Karnataka State Police Chief and ordered a probe by the Deputy SP ranked officer.

"It is also directed to provide Rs 14 lakh compensation to the mother of the victim within a period of one month. The compensation amount should be taken from the salaries of the accused police officers," the order said. –IANS

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IN HIGH COURT

App relief: Cap on service fee for auto rides halted

Stay on transport department's cap on fee for hailing autos through aggregator apps

The High Court of Karnataka on Wednesday stayed the Transport Department notification, fixing a cap of 5 per cent on service charge collected by online aggregators for autorickshaw-hailing.The notification issued on November 25, 2022 was challenged by the aggregators Ola and Uber.

The earlier notification derecognising such service was challenged too. The new notification came up after the intervention of the High Court, directing all stakeholders' views to be considered. Till then, the court allowed the aggregators to collect 10 per cent as service fee.

The aggregators said they were incurring loss even if they collected 10 per cent and cited the Central government that approved a service fee of 20 per cent.

After issuing the stay on Wednesday, Justice CM Poonacha said the court would hear other petitions along with the main petition regarding the aggregator licence for such autorickshaw-hailing.

File photo of a protest by auto drivers at the Jayanagar RTO against the seizing of their vehicles for continuing service on ride-hailing apps despite an order against it

Life term to students for kidnap, murder

The High Court has upheld the conviction and life imprisonment sentence handed down by the trial court to four students, including two girls from Mumbai, for kidnapping and murdering their friend for money.The convicts - Rohit Kumar from Jharkhand, Shivani Thakur, and Preeti Raj from Mumbai and Vareesh from Bihar - had filed separate appeals.

However, a division bench headed by Justice B. Veerappa has rejected their pleas, stating the four had not only committed the crime of murder but attempted to dispose off the body and destroy evidence. According to available records, the two girls have developed friendship with the victim and became close to him. The other two had kidnapped him for money.The prosecution has proved charges against all accused persons and conspiracy behind the murder.

After verifying the evidence, there seems to be no need for the High Court to intervene in the matter of the judgment by the local court, the bench said. Tushar, the deceased had come to Bengaluru from Rajasthan along with his classmate, accused Vareesh. He hailed from a rich family and Vareesh had planned to make money after kidnapping him.

Notice to state govt on 'digital platform

The High Court has issued notice to the State Government on a public interest litigation (PIL) petition, challenging the non-implementation of the national e-vidhan application (NeVA) scheme. The State government went ahead with its own e-vidhan scheme instead. The PIL, filed by former MLC Ramesh Babu, was being heard by a Division Bench headed by Chief Justice PB Varale. The NeVA aims at promoting digitalisation to provide a platform for the functioning of both Houses of Parliament, Assemblies and councils. The Centre shares 60 per cent of the cost of the platform for the State which has a total outlay of Rs. 673.94 crore

Karnataka decided to implement its own scheme at a cost of Rs 253 crore based on a report submitted by KEONICS.The PIL says the State government is unnecessarily spending Rs.253 crore, when it could have availed itself of by merging the scheme with the Centre's.

Gender bias

Striking down a clause in the guidelines of the Department of Sainik Welfare and Resettlement which made married daughters of ex-servicemen below the age of 25 ineligible for dependent ID cards, the High Court said that the guidelines depicted gender bias. Guideline 5(c) for issuance of the dependent ID card made daughters who are married ineligible. But for sons of service personnel it is at the age of attaining 25 years.

Justice M Nagaprasanna in a judgment dated January 2, 2023 struck down the words "till married" in the clause terming it as unconstitutional and against the provisions of Article 14 and 15 of the Constitution. — Agencies

All work & no pay: Guards await wages

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home guards in Bengaluru rural.

There are three types of wages for home guards. If a home guard is posted at a police station, he/she gets Rs 750 per day, if posted with fire and emergency services Rs 600 and Rs 455 if posted at BBMP lakes, offices and other departments including university campuses. "I have to pay for fuel, house rent and school fees for my son. I am finding it tough to borrow money from friends and well-wishers. I want my senior officers to pressurise the BBMP to release our wages without any delay.

I am not sure whether I will be able to celebrate the Sankranti festival as there's no guarantee of getting my wages on or before the festival," said a home guard (woman).

When contacted, the commandant for home guards Mallesh said that he assumed office recently. "I will look into the matter," he said.

Meanwhile, BBMP chief engineer (lakes) Vijaykumar Haridas said the BBMP chief commissioner has directed the BBMP special commissioner (finance) for disbursing wages of home guards on a priority basis. "I hope the home guards will get wages in two or three days," said Haridas.

'Rs 2,000 bribe'

If allegations are anything to go by, authorities do not hesitate to exploit hapless home guards who are finding it difficult to make ends meet. It is alleged that a home guard has to pay Rs 2,000 to Rs 2,500 as bribe to the employee responsible for allocating duties for home guards at police stations.

"I used to get Rs 750 per day while working at the Baiyappanahalli police station. It was sufficient for me to run the family. Now, my senior officer posted me at a BBMP lake. I get only Rs 455 per day for the lake duty. I have to pay Rs 2,500 per month to my officer for posting me at the police station," said a woman home guard pleading anonymity.

When this correspondent visited the home guards office on Seshadri Road on Monday, hundreds of home guards were waiting on the office premises waiting for the authorities to issue orders of posting at lakes or police stations.

"I have received some complaints against a particular employee at the home guards office demanding bribes from the home guards. I will look into the matter," said commandant Mallesh.

IN BRIEF

Murder on campus: FIR against college

The parents of a 19-year-old student of Presidency College, who was stabbed to death on campus, have complained to the police against the college for a security failure on its side.

Police have registered an FIR, mentioning that the college management was negligent. The names of members of the college management board have been mentioned as accused of the case, and there is an allegation of giving entry without checking despite the presence of security. The police are interrogating the matter with the management board and the security guard. The victim's mother had lodged a complaint with the Rajanukunte police station.

On Monday afternoon, Layasmitha, a first-year BTech student at Presidency University College, was stabbed numerous times by a youth named Pawan Kalyan. Kalyan, who later stabbed himself, is receiving treatment at Bengaluru's Bowring and Lady Curzon Hospital.

Man dies after being hit by train

The owner of a car garage died on Wednesday after being hit by a train. The victim has been identified as Rajan, who owned a garage in Moodalapalya. He died near the railway track in Chikkamaranahalli. It was suspected that he was in debt and had committed suicide. However, police haven't confirmed the cause of his death.

When the incident came to light, people from the neighbouring areas reached the spot.

People expressed outrage as the railway police arrived at the spot six hours after the incident.

Water bill fraud: BWSSB officials in dock

Thirteen Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board officials including Executive Engineers were suspended over a water bill fraud. The officials are alleged to have collected around Rs 1.50 crore from customers.

During the pandemic, the officials and agency representatives used the water charges collected in cash for their own use without giving it to BWSSB.

Recently, this issue came to light during the internal audit of the water board. Later, a case was registered in Bommanahalli police station.

Executive Engineers Bharat Kumar GS, R Srinivas, Sneha, B Nagendra, Assistant Executive Engineers Sachin Patil, Vishwanath K, Revenue Managers Bhimashankar, C Nagaraju, Personnel Manager Yogesh, Ramappa Madivalara, C Somesekhar, Assistants, Senior Assistant Geetha, Revenue Manager N Rudresh, Revenue Branch Staff have been suspended, said a senior BWSSB official. - BMB

HEALTH TIP: Go outside – studies show the more time you spend outdoors, the lower the risk of being short-sighted

Stretch before you get out of bed. This eases morning stiffness, burns a few additional calories and slows the muscle loss associated with ageing

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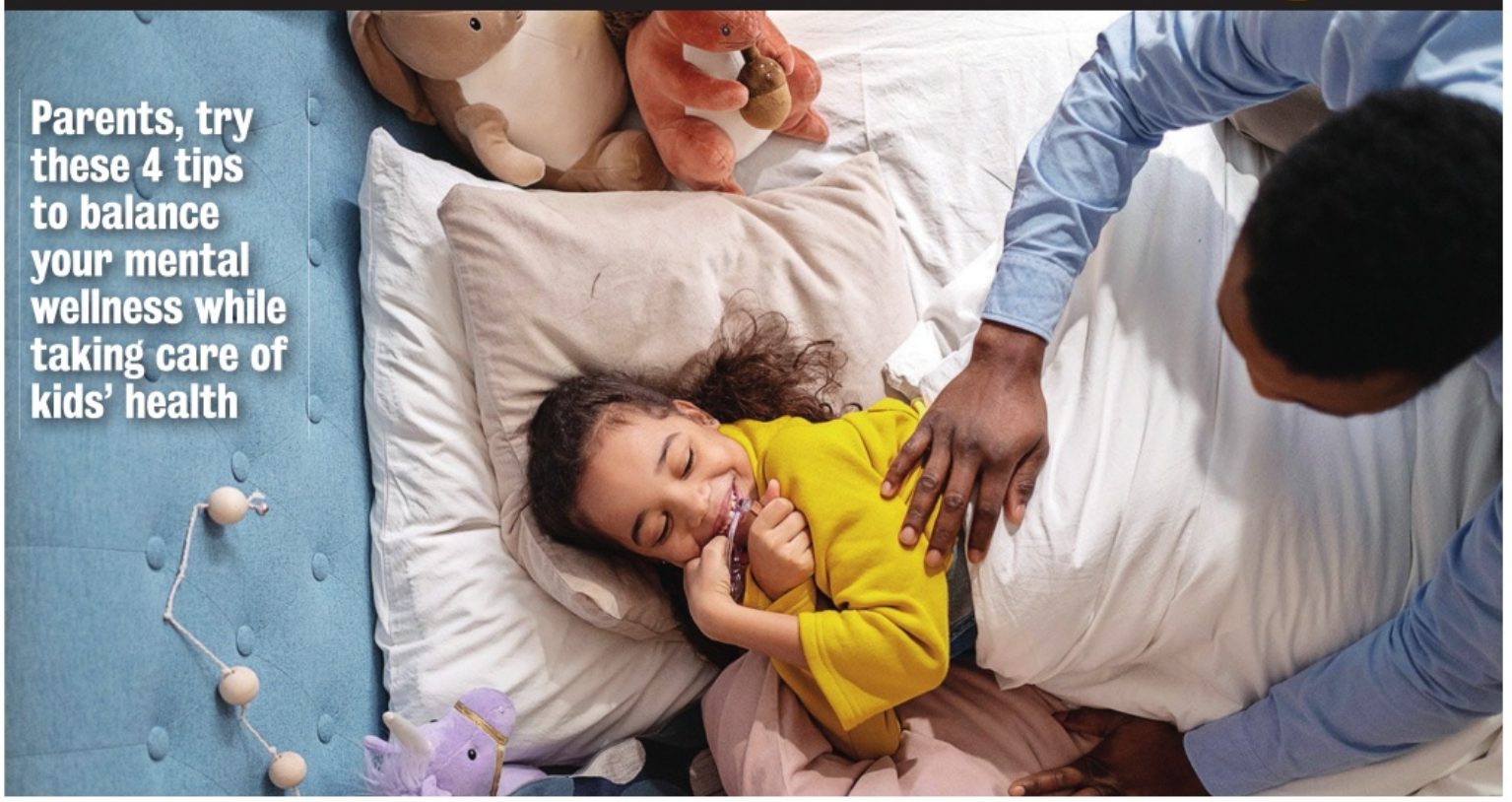
The kids are all right



Parents, try these 4 tips to balance your mental wellness while taking care of kids' health

Paediatric emergency departments and clinics have been overcrowded with the dramatic increase in child respiratory viruses, leaving many families anxious about caring for sick kids.

Making decisions about what to do — or not do — can be exhausting, especially coming out of nearly three years of pandemic fears, social isolation and burnout. Parents need practical strategies to balance the health risks and stressors of kids getting sick as we trudge through the virulent flu, RSV and covid-19 winter season.

As researchers of family well-being interventions, we provide four evidence-based stress-management strategies grounded in dialectical behaviour therapy skills (DBT).

In tough situations, DBT encourages a mindset that balances accepting reality as it currently is (even if this is very much a reality we never wanted!) while identifying actionable steps to change our ability to cope, like bringing in social support and understanding our emotional reactions in compassionate ways.

To bring you the most relevant information, we collaborated with paediatric emergency physicians to integrate their frontline expertise.

Try these tips to build confidence that you're doing exactly what is needed for your kids this year.

1 What are my most important values?

For many families, kids' activities are on the schedule again: fun with friends, time with relatives, celebrations. But having a cavalier attitude about including sick children at events — like in pre-pandemic times — might have costs down the road.

Consider your own values and identify the activities that are the most important, and consider what precautions you're willing to take to keep your family and community healthy. Maybe it makes sense to attend a small house party with daycare friends, but not a larger gathering at the local arcade?

If limiting sick days matters to you, catching up on covid-19 boosters or flu shots could save you weeks of sick kids at home. Now is also a great time to teach kids of any age about the basics of hand-washing, tissue use and the "batman cough."

Articles on the new etiquette of coughs highlight the value of masks for residual symptoms, and rebuilding trust with our communities.

Finally, keeping kids home when sick really matters. It will also help you avoid the side-eye in public.

2 How will I manage if they get sick?

If you have young kids at home, odds are they've already been sick and they'll get sick again. Coping ahead — anticipating and rehearsing responses to difficult situations — can reduce anxiety now and help you respond effectively in the future.

With the waves of child sickness, it's common to find yourself with depleted resources, physically and emotionally. In anticipation of the next onset of illness, a little preparation can go a long way to reduce family stress and promote recovery. Consider replenishing essentials, reviewing the plan for seeking health care, planning for childcare difficulties and managing tough emotions.

> **In tough times, dialectical behaviour therapy skills encourages a mindset that balances accepting reality while identifying actionable steps to be able to cope**

3 My child is sick. How worried should I be?

Managing a sick child is tough when there is little to be done but wait and watch. DBT helps you ask "what is the problem to be solved?" This might be as "simple" as tolerating family physical and emotional discomfort with compassion and care.

Staying present and focusing on improving the moment can help reduce distress when nothing else can be done.

Alternatively, more change-based action is needed. When faced with an ill child, consider looking from every angle of the situation. Remember there is no absolute truth and we can't predict the future. Be open to alternative options, check your assumptions and avoid using extreme language ("always" and "never").

It's key to critically assess the validity of information sources and prioritize those that are evidence-based, including governmental or health board websites. Diving down the rabbit hole of googling symptoms will typically increase stress without offering meaningful benefits.

Fortunately, the odds of serious illness or death are small for most children. Ask a health-care provider if you're concerned your child may be at greater risk of serious illness (for example, if they were premature, have underlying heart or lung conditions, neuromuscular disorders, immune problems or take medication that suppresses the immune system).

4 Back to basics

You may already be well versed in the importance of "basics" when it comes to serving your emotions. There is a reason why "hangry" is such a common concept! Small steps can go a long way to helping the household stay healthy, recover quickly and keep family moods up.

As a family, try to prioritise plenty of sleep, nutritious foods and getting outside once a day. And while this is true for the whole family, parents should also keep in mind the airplane rule: we must put our own masks on before we help those around us.

Lastly, social connection offers a buffer to stress. Find ways to be creative with scheduling quality social connections consistent with your comfort level such as connecting with friends over FaceTime or only meeting outdoors.

During really tough moments, acknowledge the difficulty of the situation and remind yourself that you're doing your best in a really challenging time.

It's normal to be on edge and exhausted managing so much, particularly after three years of pandemic disruptions to family life. We hope these tips may provide even a small amount of relief this winter.

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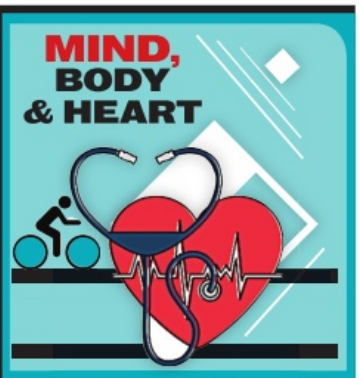

All problems solved

Dear Coleen

I've had a huge falling out with my partner of five years because, once again, he spent Christmas with his ex-wife and their kids. I spent the day with my parents and my brother and his family. I understand he wants to see his kids, but they're teenagers now and I've tried suggesting this and made it clear that his kids are always welcome at our place, but he doesn't want to hear it. I don't want to sound petty, but his wife is still controlling things years after they divorced. Am I being unreasonable? Is it too much to expect that I'm his priority now? I'm 12 years younger than him and want us to have children of our own, but will he still insist on putting his ex before us? Please advise.

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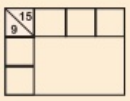
I don't think it's being that unreasonable to suggest his kids come to you over the holidays. And if Christmas Day itself is very important to him and his children, then why can't they come over for a couple of hours to swap gifts? I think what's really getting to you is that he sees his ex and spends the day at her house when, actually, he doesn't have to see her at all and it feels as if he's prioritising her. Yes, it might be just one day out of the year when he sees you every other day, but it's an important day for family to be together and you're his family now, so you should be included. I think you just have to stand your ground and insist that next Christmas, you want to find a compromise that works for all of you. I think you might also need to have a bigger conversation with him about his relationship with his ex and why he's so afraid of standing up to her. It feels like he goes to a lot of trouble not to upset her, yet he's OK about upsetting you. I think if you're going to be happy together, you need to agree on some boundaries.

—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

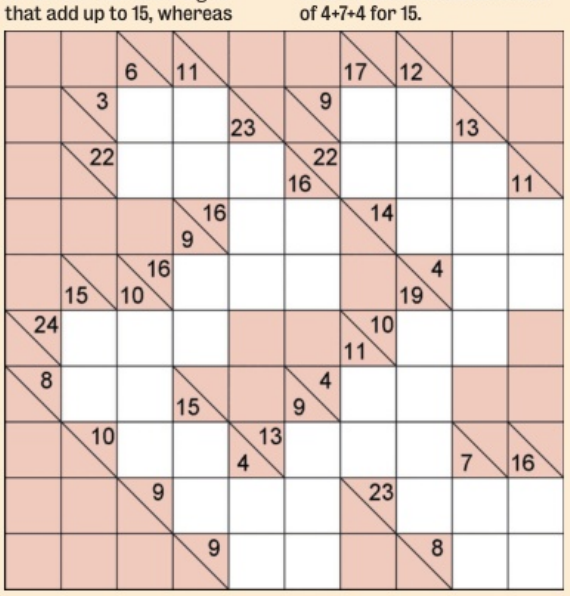
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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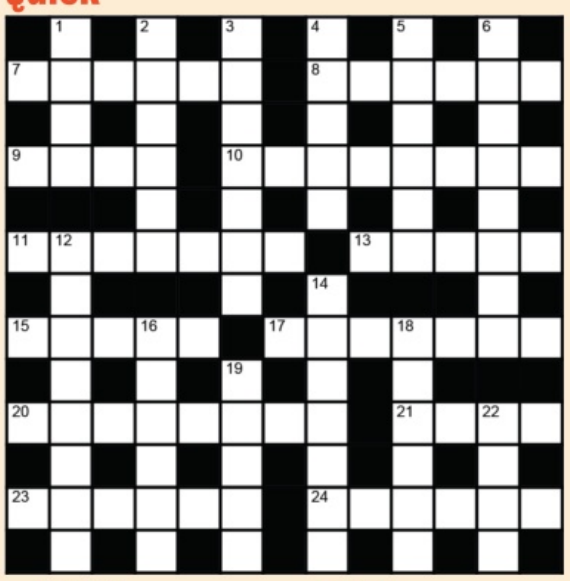


ACROSS

7 One-dimensional (6)
8 Sibling's daughters (6)
9 Strong red wine (4)
10 Where in Karnataka Shiravati River drops 253 meters (3,5)
11 Detachable security device (7)
13 Obstruct (5)
15 Held at bay (5)
17 Prolix (7)
20 Looks at, notices or perceives (8)
21 Egg cell (4)
23 Dazed state (6)
24 Tentative proposal or suggestion (6)

DOWN

1 Swanky car (4)
2 2010, 2011 & 2012 F1 World Champion (6)
3 Planned undertaking (7)
4 Unforeseen obstacles (5)
5 Bring back to mind (6)
6 Substitutes (8)
12 Gymnasts (8)
14 Detonates or causes to begin or start (4,3)
16 Free from liability (6)
18 ____ down : in a dilapidated condition? (6)
19 Six-ball sequences (5)
22 Maui guitars (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: Z EQUALS T

ZJX UCHO ZXGK AXGPBP ZJX PJCGZ ZXGK DGOBKXHZ RP CHX BPXI EN UCPXGP.

Linemaro

I was wondering if you had an extra heart. Mine seems to have been stolen

Mindchow

Even peace may be purchased at too high a price

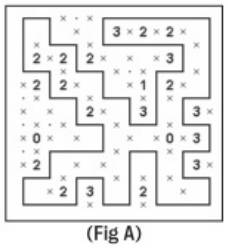
Joke of the day

Nothing sucks more than that moment during an argument when you realise you' re wrong

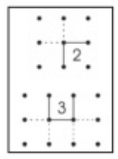
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

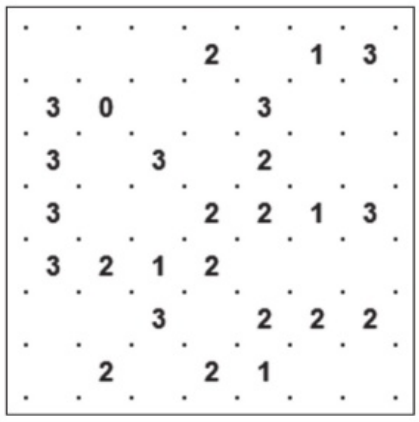


(Fig B) Not Allowed

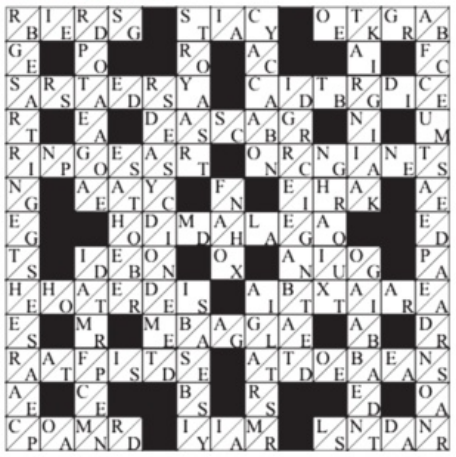
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

1	2	3	4	5
6				
7				
8				H
9				

ACROSS

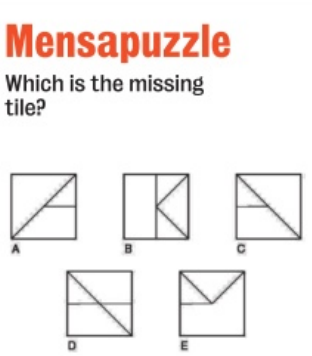
1 SS Bot; 6 Your L;
7 Unapt; 8 C Math;
9 Splat

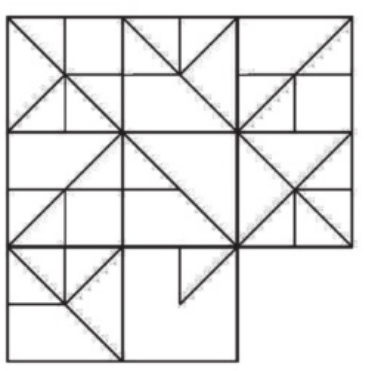
DOWN

1 Lumps; 2 Talon;
3 A tout; 4 Br CAT;
5 ps Shy

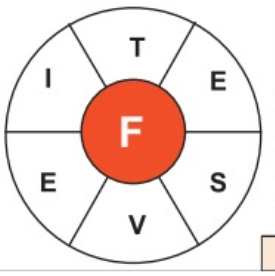
Mensapuzzle

Which is the missing tile?





Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

04 Average; 05 Good; 06 Outstanding

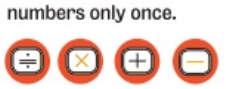
SudokuChallenge

		7		3		6		
6			1		2			4
	2		8		9		1	
3								1
9	7	2				3	5	8
4								7
	5		3		8		4	
1			4		5			2
		8		1		9		

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



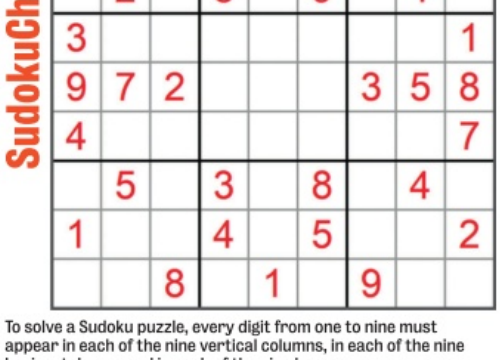
Easy = 12
2 3 4 7

Medium = 8
2 4 6 7

Hard = 2
2 6 9 5

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



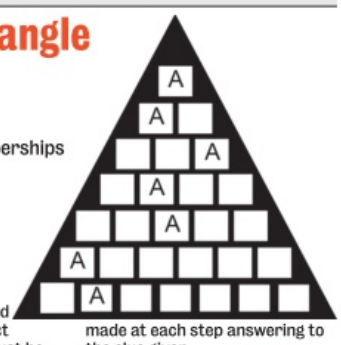
Differences: 1. Leg is moved. 2. Foot is moved. 3. Shirt is longer. 4. Shirt pocket is missing. 5. Boy's left arm is showing. 6. Line is added to walkway.

Riddler

Some people's names (such as "Will Power") suggest a certain personality or career choice. Given below are some last names and professions (in no particular order). For each last name, your task is to think of a common first name, such that it suggests one of the given professions. Each last name and profession must be used just once. Example: Sonny Day would suggest a meteorologist. Last Names: Ball, King, Major, Mee, Soares, Turner Professions: Paleontologist, Author, Musician, Plumber, Astrologer, Lawyer

Alpha triangle

1 First letter
2 Good _ it gets
3 North or Red
4 Orient
5 Legislative memberships
6 Agree
7 Obesity



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

HEY! YOU'VE REALLY GOT SOMETHING HERE WITH THESE MEATBALLS!
YOU SHOULD TAKE YOUR RECIPE, START A FRANCHISE BUSINESS, AND SELL THEM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY!
WHAT WOULD WE CALL IT?
HOW ABOUT "KENTUCKY FRIED HOCKEY PUCKS"?
10-19
Yaxley/Casson

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

WHAT ARE YOU GOING AS FOR HALLOWEEN?
I'M GOING AS A FIGHTING CHANCE
WHAT'LL YOU BE WEARING?
A BLACK EYE AND A MONOPOLY CARD
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Hart of the city

I NEED SOMETHING NEW TO READ. "NEUTRON MAN" IS IN A REALLY BORING ARC.
HOW ABOUT THIS? IT'S A KIDS' COMIC FOR ARNIE THE DINOSAUR.
IS THIS A JOKE?
OH, ARNIE'S A GREAT COMIC!
THE LORE IS QUITE COMPLEX.
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SHRIEEK!
I THOUGHT THAT WATCHING 'HALLOWEEN' WOULD GET HIM IN THE MOOD!
WHAAAAAAAAH!
10-26
BATIUK & DAVIS

Mutts

Boy,
IT FEELS GOOD TO GET OUT OF THAT WOLFMAN COSTUME!
I'M SO HAPPY MY OZZIE IS BACK TO NORMAL!
BUT I MUST ADMIT...
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED A DOG.
10-29
mutts.com

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today is a good day. You may be polite with the people around you. You may help someone who is needy. You may also spend money to buy some household items. However, it may affect your savings. You may see your prestige and position improve in your family.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today things will be coming back on track. Your lost confidence may come back. You may enjoy it at work. Couples are likely to enjoy their love life. They may hear good news in terms of childbirth. Disputes between siblings may settle down.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you may not be blessed by elders. You could feel unhappy. You may become impatient today. If you are given a responsibility, you are likely to perform it unhappily. You want to be detached from the responsibility given. You may not be able to complete tasks on time.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today work-related stress may go away. Your earnings may convert to profits now. You are likely to invest for a long-term period. You may get an overseas work order which will give you financial benefits in the coming future. You may find your true love. Students may hear good news in terms of their academics.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today you are blessed by the moon. You may perform better on the professional front. You may implement your business plans very easily with the help of your subordinates. Intellectual investments and financial investments may start giving profits now. This may increase confidence levels. You will use your wisdom to make gains.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today your spiritual power will make you happy. Your way of thinking may be positive. You are inclined to spiritualism today. You may plan to visit some spiritual place. You may also take an interest in occult sciences. You are likely to observe flawlessness in your nature. It is advised to keep your views to yourself or people who may understand your frequency.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today you may feel nervous. You have a lack of patience. For seeking peace, you may be attracted to the occult. Make sure you follow your intuition today. You may also get deep knowledge on a subject or you may have good focus towards your research.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today your moon is placed in a good position. You may expect some positive momentum in your professional and domestic life. There are likely to be gains in terms of your investments. You may get reciprocation of your help from your friends and relatives. Your hard work may pay you in terms of success.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you may do well. Your kids' health is better now. You can plan to make some investments for their future. You are likely to be more loyal towards your job. Jobseekers may find a good job with the help of references. You may be able to find your hidden enemies, and with the help of elders, you may counter them.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today is a good day. You may be able to sustain yourself in any type of messy situation. Your patience may be tested many times, but with the help of elders, you may complete your work efficiently. Students are advised to study with patience. Lovebirds should control their harsh way of speaking To maintain harmony in the relationship.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you may often feel disappointment. You may not be able to enjoy your work. You may find yourself feeling uncomfortable everywhere. Investments in fixed assets are advised to be postponed for some days. Look out for your parents' health today.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today is a good day. Your vital power may help you to take difficult decisions in terms of business. You may get positive results for your hard work. You may expect to get a big order which can grow your business multiple times. You are likely to find love.

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Hafsa Banu, 6 Years, Sophia High School

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
8[(3²×5²)/3²]= 8×5²
= 8×3125 = 25000

RIDDLER Crystal Ball – Astrologer (crystal ball), Dinah Soares – Paleontologist (dinosaurs), Paige Turner – Author (page turner), Dee Major – Musician (D Major), Lee King – Plumber (leaking), Sue Mee – Lawyer (sue me)

BULL'S EYE feet, sift FESTIVE, fete, fist, five

QUOTE UNCODE
The long term versus the short term argument is one used by losers.

FAST FIVE

S	T	O	B	S
L	O	U	R	Y
U	N	T	A	P
M	A	T	C	H
P	L	A	T	S

STRIKE OUT

B	I	D	S		T	A	C		O	K	R	A		
E		O		R		A		A		C				
A	R	T	E	R	Y		C	I	T	I	R	I	C	
T		A		E	S	S	A	R		N		U		
I	N	G	E	S	T		O	R	G	A	N	S		

QUICK

L	V		P		S		R		R					
I		N	E	A	R		N	I		E	C	E	S	

MENSA PUZZLE
C: in each row and column the contents is determined by the contents of the third square of the first two squares. Lines are transferred from these two squares to the third square, except when they appear in the same position in both squares, in which case they are cancelled out

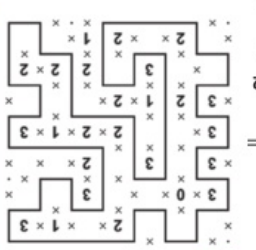
SUDOKU

8	1	7	5	3	4	6	2	9
6	9	3	1	7	2	5	8	4
5	2	4	8	6	9	7	1	3
3	6	5	2	8	7	4	9	1
9	7	2	6	4	1	3	5	8
1	3	6	4	9	5	8	7	2
7	5	9	3	2	8	1	4	6
4	8	1	9	5	3	2	6	7
2	4	8	7	6	9	1	3	5

ALPHA TRIANGLE
A, As, Sea, East, Seats, Assent, Fatness.

GO FIGURE
Easy
4 + 7 – 2 + 3 = 12
Medium
4 – 2 × 7 – 6 = 8
Hard
5 + 9 – 2 / 6 = 2

LOOP



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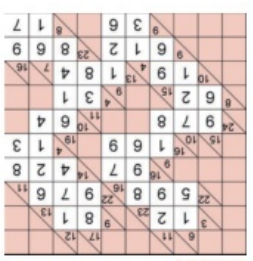

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Taraneh freed Iran released a prominent actress from an Oscar-winning film, Taraneh Alidoosti, on Wednesday, nearly three weeks after she was jailed for criticising a crackdown on anti-government protests, local reports said.

Age is just a number!

Shruti Haasan has a response to those trolling her for age gap with co-stars

Actress Shruti Haasan is gearing up for the release of her film 'Walter Veeraiyya' and 'Veera Simha' this year. She was recently trolled on social media for choosing to act alongside aged co-stars. Replying to the trolls, the actress now opened up about her views of acting with actors who are years older than her.

To the comments Shruti Haasan received about her acting with actors twice her age as she had to resort to any opportunity she receives, the actress in a recent interview, reportedly said that age is just a number in showbiz and it does not matter and added that one can act as long as they are alive and has the talent for it.

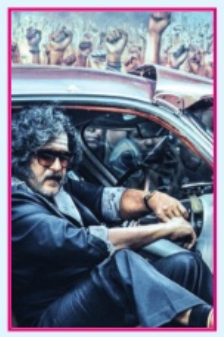
In the media interaction, Shruti also said that she is not the only actress that gained fame while acting alongside older actors. On the work front, Shruti Haasan has her next project with Prabhas titled 'Salaar' and she also signed the first international project 'The Eye'. The movie is directed by Daphne Schmon and it stars Mark Rowley as the lead and the shooting for the film is currently underway in Greece. **–ETimes**

SANDALWOOD SHOTS

Y MAHESWARA REDDY

Star aboard KD

Crazy Star Ravichandran is the latest to get on board multilingual movie KD. The movie that has - The Devil - for its tagline, is being helmed by actor-cum-director Prem aka Jogi Prem. The movie is being made in five languages – Kannada, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, and Hindi. KD – The Devil is set to be among the big-budget movies to hit the silver screen this year. Dhruva Sarja plays the lead – a gangster - in this movie.



The inclusion of Ravichandran to the cast was confirmed through a Twitter post recently. As per the post, Ravichandran will play Annayyappa. Ravichandran's look and the model of the vehicle he was seen driving indicate the period the movie is set in – between 1960 and 1980s. The teaser of the film was released a few months ago, going by which, it seems the movie will be an out and out mass entertainer.

All praise

Naidu Bandaarru is elated over the support from the cast and crew of Mr Bachelor. Bandaarru debuts as a director with this film scheduled for release on January 6.

"I am grateful to the cast and crew of Mr Bachelor. Darling Krishna may stay my favourite actor for his cooperation during the film's shooting. I had narrated the script to him when he was doing Mocktail and though he became famous due to the success of Mocktail he did not have any airs during the shooting of my film," said Bandaarru.

Mr Bachelor was shot in and around Bengaluru for 45 days. The movie has Darling Krishna in the lead and Milana Nagaraj and Nimika Ratnakar opposite him.

"I took special care to provide the right costumes for Krishna, Milana and Nimika. My intention is to ensure they look beautiful on screen," said Naidu Bandaarru.

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